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SUBJECT: High School Equivalency Certificate (HSEC) program Hathaway Scholarship cut scores

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In accordance with W.S. 21-16-1308 (b)(iv)(C) the Wyoming Community College Commission, High School Equivalency Certificate program is publishing this memorandum to announce the required assessment scores for awarding the Wyoming Hathaway Scholarship to students who completed one of the authorized HSEC assessments, attended a Wyoming high school but did not graduate and whose equivalent high school class (year group) has graduated. If a student otherwise meets all Hathaway Scholarship criteria, they may qualify for a Hathaway Scholarship. This memorandum is released in coordination with the Wyoming Department of Education and the University of Wyoming.

2014 GED® Test:

Table 1 reflects the 2012-2013 GED program requirements for the Wyoming Hathaway Scholarship in effect prior to passage of House Bill 54, which went into effect on 7/1/2013. The 2002 GED® Battery Percentile Rank and ACT Percentile Rank columns are added to Table 1 to facilitate promulgation of the 2014 GED® Battery Percentile and Score recommendations in Table 2 below.

Table 1. 2012-2013 Hathaway Scholarship Requirements for the GED® Test and ACT.

| Hathaway Scholarship Level | 2002 GED® Battery Test Scaled Score | 2002 GED® Battery Percentile Rank | ACT Test Score | ACT Percentile Rank |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| Honors | 575 | 80-85 ¹ | 25 | 79 |
| Performance | 540 | 67-75 ¹ | 21 | 55 |
| Opportunity | 500 | 50 | 19 | 42 |
| Provisional | 500 | 50 | 17 ² | 28 |

Footnotes:

¹ Approximate, as Battery Percentile Ranks were not specifically calculated for scaled scores of 540 and 575 on the 2002 Series GED® test.

² WorkKeys score of 17 is also valid.

Translating Scholarship Requirements Using Percentile Ranks

“GED Testing Service has reviewed the current statutes and criteria for the Hathaway Scholarship and is proposing a **translation via percentile ranks**. Specifically, GED Testing Service can map the 2002 series GED® test score requirements to a percentile and then find a similar percentile on the new 2014 GED® test scale.”

The following 2014 GED® test scores are recommended directly from the publisher, GED Testing Service® and are to be used along with the previously required ACT scores.

Table 2. Hathaway Scholarship Requirements for 2014 GED® Test Based on Percentile Ranking

| Hathaway Scholarship Level | 2014 GED® Battery Average Scaled Score | 2014 GED® Battery Percentile Rank | ACT Test Score |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Honors | 170 | 84 | 25 |
| Performance | 164 | 69 | 21 |
| Opportunity | 157 ¹ | 50 | 19 |
| Provisional | 157 ¹ | 50 | 17 ² |

Footnotes:

¹ Selected closest scale score.

(Although GED Testing Service has not finalized the battery level percentile rankings for the 2014 test, preliminary analyses suggest that using similar percentile rankings would result in the battery average score values as outlined in Table 2.)

² WorkKeys score of 17 is also valid.

2014 HiSET™:

Table 3 below shows the HiSET™ scores necessary for students to attain the various Hathaway scholarship levels. The scores provided come directly from the ETS® HiSET™ website at url: http://hiset.ets.org/s/pdf/scores_crosswalk.pdf It should be noted, “The relationship between HiSET and GED® scores is predictive rather than determinative...” therefore the scores provided are made available based on the vendors best predictions of average performance. The ACT scores are the same.

Table 3. 2012-2013 Hathaway Scholarship Requirements for the GED® Test related to 2014 HiSET™.

| Hathaway Scholarship Level | 2002 GED® Battery Test Scaled Score | 2014 HiSET Test Score ² | ACT Test Score |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Honors | 575 | 16 | 25 |
| Performance | 540 | 14 | 21 |
| Opportunity | 500 | 12 | 19 |
| Provisional | 500 | 12 | 17 ² |


Footnotes:

¹ Approximate, as Battery Percentile Ranks were not specifically calculated for scaled scores of 540 and 575 on the 2002 Series GED® test.

² The crosswalk between HiSET and GED® scores was determined by virtue of both tests having been independently administered to nationally representative samples of high school seniors. Because the samples were separately drawn and tested, strict equivalence cannot be ensured.

TEST ASSESSING SECONDARY COMPLETION – TASC:

The Wyoming launch of the 2014 TASC assessment has been tentatively delayed until July 1, 2014. This memorandum will be updated as required upon receipt of vendor provided scoring information.


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